member of the staff is found to have made any lapse, appropriate action under rules is taken against him.

Kidnapping cases in Delhi

1111. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of kidnappings have been reported in the capital during the last few months; and

(b) if so, the details of such cases reported so far in the current year and how far the police authorities have succeeded in tracing the victims and bringing to book the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the current year (upto 28th February, 2002), 167 persons were reported to have been kidnapped, of whom 57 persons have since been rescued. Besides, 30 persons were arrested for their alleged involvement in these cases.

IPS Officer implicated in Customs Duty evasion case

1112. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a senior officer from the Indian Police Service, Haryana cadre, has been implicated in Customs Duty evasion detected by the Delhi Customs, in the year 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken against the official, by the Central and State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Department of Revenue had intimated that Shri Harith Kumar, IPS (HY:77) while functioning as Director, NCRB, New Delhi was involved in a case of Cistoms Duty evasion by M/s. Suren International Compaay wherein his wife is reported to